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FOR SHULMAN FROM BENNET

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, UR, CSCE

SUBJECT: UKRAINIAN DISSIDENT; PYOTR VINS

EMBASSY PLEASE PASS TO SECRETARY'S PARTY

1. THE FOLLOWING MISSED POUCH FOR MOSCOW VISIT. IT  
SHOULD BE INCLUDED WITH PAPERS ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN BRIEFING  
BOOK FOR MOSCOW. PLEASE PASS TO MARSHALL SHULMAN.

2. JOHN BUCHANAN (R-ALA.), WHO HAS BEEN HELPFUL TO THE  
ADMINISTRATION ON A NUMBER OF ISSUES IN THE PAST, HAS  
ASKED IF YOU COULD RAISE WITH THE SOVIETS DURING YOUR  
VISIT TO MOSCOW THE CASE OF PYOTR VINS.

3. PYOTR VINS IS A MEMBER OF THE UKRAINIAN/HELSINKI  
WATCH GROUP IN KIEV. HE IS ALSO THE SON OF SOVIET BAPTIST  
LEADER GEORGI VINS, WHO IS CURRENTLY SERVING HIS SECOND  
TERM IN A FORCED LABOR CAMP FOR EXPRESSING RELIGIOUS  
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BELIEFS AND PREACHINGS. PYOTR'S GRANDFATHER, WHO WAS  
RAISED AND EDUCATED IN THE U.S., WAS IMPRISONED IN THE  
SOVIET UNION FOR PREACHING AND SUBSEQUENTLY DIED THERE.

4. PYOTR VINS WAS RECENTLY ARRESTED AND SENTENCED TO  
ONE YEAR IN JAIL. HE WAS ACCUSED AND CONVICTED OF  
PARASITISM (A SOVIET PHRASE MEANING THAT A CITIZEN IS

NOT WORKING) DURING THE PERIOD DECEMBER TO MID-JANUARY  
WHEN HE WAS SERVING A PRISON TERM FOR HIS ACTIVITIES AS  
A MEMBER OF THE HELSINKI WATCH GROUP.

5. CONGRESSMAN BUCHANAN ASKED IF YOU WOULD TAKE UP WITH  
SOVIET AUTHORITIES YOUR CONCERN OVER THE TREATMENT OF  
THE HELSINKI MONITORS, PARTICULARLY THE CASE OF PYOTR  
VINS. HE HOPES YOU MIGHT URGE THE SOVIETS TO GRANT AN  
IMMIGRANT VISA TO CANADA FOR PYOTR VINS AND MEMBERS OF  
HIS FAMILY. ALTERNATIVELY, BUCHANAN SUGGESTS THAT THE  
SOVIETS MIGHT WISH TO DROP THE CASE AGAINST VINS,  
EXPEL HIM, OR GIVE HIM A SUSPENDED SENTENCE IN LIGHT  
OF PRINCIPAL 7 OF BASKET I OF THE HELSINKI FINAL  
AGREEMENT OR THOSE PRINCIPLES INCLUDED IN BAKSET III. CHRISTOPHER

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